

FIRE RISK

Tutorial Four

How safe is your Club from Fire?

Too many golf clubs in recent years have had serious fires putting lives at risk; don't let this happen to your club

What Is the Legislation?

The Fire Risk Assessment is carried out to comply with the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations Amendment 1999. The purpose of the Fire Risk Assessment is to ensure all fire and explosion hazards are correctly identified and reasonable measures are in place to manage the hazards and allow safe escape of all personnel from the premises.

Scope for the Fire Risk Assessment

The assessment should be completed systematically for all risk areas for example; Offices, Professional shop, Clubhouse areas incl. kitchen, machinery shed, battery store and other functional areas of the golf club.

Methodology

The process should be systematical and involves dividing your facilities into areas and for each area applying the following guidewords. The Fire Risk assessment should identify whether the area is safe or not and be recorded in writing as such;

What are the fire and explosion hazards in that area. E.g. electrical, gas, heaters, smoking, boilers, oil/liquids, hot surfaces, Electrical overload, Open Flame, Flammable materials, Welding, Grinding, Fat Fire/Chip Pan, Petrol fire, Diesel Fire.

What is the likelihood of the fire or explosion occurring? I.e. Low, Medium and High.

What Fire Detection and Safety equipment is required for this event and the

work carried out. Eg. fire detection and alarm systems, fire fighting appliances, and the maintenance requirements.

Are adequate Escape routes and emergency exits provided. Eg. number, illumination, free from obstruction, and correctly signage.

What training is required for fire fighting on the premises?

Other additional measures may be required and these will form recommendations.

Corrective Actions

Once all areas have been assessed the club should end up with a number of corrective measures to ensure fire and explosion risks are reduced to as low as reasonably practicable. Some measures may be to review the following systems;

Sprinkler systems, Hose System, Smoke alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Gas Shut Off Lever, Fire Doors, Oven Extinguishing Systems, Rescue equipment (Axe etc), Fire Plan and Procedures, Escape Routes, Signage, Emergency lighting, Training

The club should have a written Fire Risk Assessment reflecting the fire and explosion hazards and the corrective actions taken to reduce the risks. Any changes to the structure, equipment or mode of operation of the club should result in an update to the fire risk assessment.

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